
Charter School Appeals Policy 2.500

The Background:

The Charter School Appeals Policy governs the charter school appeal process for the State Board of Education. Pursuant to T.C.A. § 49-13-108 the State Board has the authority to hear appeals from sponsors of proposed charter schools that a local board of education has denied.

At the conclusion of the 2017 charter school appeals process, State Board of Education staff members sought and received feedback from participants in the appeal process including sponsors, local boards of education, and charter school review committee members. Based on this feedback, the following changes to Policy 2.500 are presented for first reading:

- **Page 1:** Clarified the deadline for submitting an appeal to the State Board is 4:30 p.m. Central Time on the tenth (10th) day after a local board of education's decision.
- **Page 2:** Clarified the nature of corrections the State Board will accept upon appeal in accordance with T.C.A. § 49-13-108(a)(4)(C).

Additionally, there have been minor grammatical updates and clarifications, including specifying "calendar" days in all timelines.

The Recommendation:

SBE staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.